GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:257
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SMALL FAMILY NORMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no uniform policy to give incentives/disincentives for adopting Small Family Norms;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to enact a legislation to encourage the people for adopting Small Family Norms;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the assistance provided to each State for the purpose of encouraging people to adopt Small Family Norms during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(e) A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 257 FOR 20.3.2002

(a)&(b): Government has adopted National Population Policy, 2000, on 15th February 2000. The Policy affirms the commitment of the Government to the voluntary and informed choice and consent of citizens, while availing of reproductive health services and continuation of target free approach in administering family planning services.

The Policy, however, enumerates following promotional/motivational measures to support the strategic themes listed in the Policy for early population stabilisation in the country:

1) The Balika Samridhi Yojana run by the Department of Women and Child Development, to promote survival and care of the girl child will continue. A cash incentive of Rs.500 is awarded at the birth of the girl child of birth order 1 or 2.

2) Maternity Benefit Scheme run by the Department of Rural Development will continue. A cash incentive of Rs.500 is awarded to mothers who have their first child after 19 years of age, for birth of the first or second child only. Disbursement of the cash award will in future be linked to compliance with antenatal check up, institutional delivery by trained birth attendant and registration of birth and BCG immunisation.

3) A Family Welfare-linked Health Insurance Plan will be established. Couples below the poverty line, who undergo sterilisation with not more than two living children, would become eligible (along with children) for health insurance (for hospitalisation) not exceeding Rs.5000, and a personal accident insurance cover for the spouse undergoing sterilisation.

4) Couples below the poverty line, who marry after the legal age of marriage, register the marriage, have their first child after the mother reaches the age of 21, accept the small family norm, and adopt a terminal method after birth of the second child, will be rewarded.

5) Creches and childcare centres will be opened in rural areas and urban slums.

This will facilitate and promote participation of women in paid employment.

6) A wider, affordable choice of contraceptives will be made accessible at diverse delivery points, with counselling services to enable acceptors to exercise voluntary and informed consent.

7) Facilities for safe abortion will be strengthened and expanded.

8) Local entrepreneurs a t village levels will be provided soft loans and encouraged to run ambulance services to supplement the existing arrangements for referral transportation.

9) Increased vocational training schemes for girls, leading to self-employment will be encouraged.

10) Strict enforcement of Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1976.

11) Strict enforcement of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994.

12) Soft loans to ensure mobility of the ANMs will be increased.

(c) & (d): In view of the Comprehensive National Population Policy havingbeen adopted in 2000 only, there is no proposal of bringing any fresh legislation.

(e): A Statement showing the assistance during the last 3 years provided by the Government of India to each State for the purpose of encouraging people to adopt

Small Family Norms is annexed.

ANNEXURE

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO EACH STATE FOR ENCOURAG1NG TO ADOPT SMALL FAMILY NORMS DURING THE THREE YEARS

(Rs.in lakhs)

Sl No	Name of State	1998-99			1999-2000		
		In Cash	In Kind	Total	In Cash	In Kind	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	11652.79	2961.41	14614.20	16609.39	3023.31	19632.70
2	Arunachal Pradesh	144.06	75.75	219.81	231.20	103.35	334.55
3	Assam	3260.45	1177.35	4437.80	7071.23	1421.68	8492.91
4	Bihar	8792.62	4025.28	12817.90	28435.89	4868.39	33304.28
5	Goa	184.83	58.94	243.77	243.44	82.50	325.94
6	Gujarat	10503.85	2108.13	12611.98	14612.87	2600.21	17213.08
7	Haryana	2746.01	906.66	3652.67	3388.16	1019.59	4407.75
8	Himachal Pradesh	1973.97	399.57	2373.54	2069.01	338.33	2407.34
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1600.73	455.77	2056.50	1803.64	458.21	2261.85
10	Karnataka	7681.02	2111.95	9792.97	16978.35	2107.70	19086.05
11	Kerala	4190.43	1313.51	5503.94	5487.87	1376.24	6864.11
12	Madhya Pradesh	8566.08	4587.46	13153.54	11373.95	4988.02	16361.97
13	Maharashtra	11164.04	3872.20	15036.24	11971.24	3924.85	15896.09
14	Manipur	622.26	108.80	731.06	907.39	147.96	1055.35
15	Meghalaya	328.75	140.78	469.53	598.21	152.50	750.71
16	Mizoram	239.11	68.77	307.88	368.47	75.80	444.27
17	Nagaland	247.96	90.31	338.27	402.78	97.73	500.51
18	Orissa	4710.89	1773.73	6484.62	6053.65	1765.56	7819.21
19	Punjab	2558.65	1125.51	3684.16	2941.14	1246.95	4188.09
20	Rajasthan	8492.29	2688.55	11180.84	14307.20	3238.37	17545.57
21	Sikkim	307.72	41.68	349.40	416.73	68.33	485.06
22	Tamil Nadii	9197.30	2582.39	11779.69	21270.03	1833.16	23103.19
23	Tripura	1781.61	193.98	1975.59	823.48	177.00	1000.48
24	Uttar Pradesh	42482.52	8773.56	51256.08	26295.63	10356.72	36652.35
25	West Bengal	11122.85	3172.95	14295.80	9003.46	2944.78	11948.24
Total		154552.79	44814.99	199367.78	203664.41	48417.24	252081.65

(States)

2000-2001

In Cash	In Kind	Total
17363.99	3458.96	20822.95
256.18	130.72	386.90
6466.42	1817.62	8284.04
13087.72	5957.71	19045.43
269.68	125.61	395.29
7201.05	3335.35	10536.40
3878.80	1420.10	5298.90
2778.77	470.20	3248.97
1913.98	539.43	2453.41
13002.34	2640.17	15642.51
5478.14	1575.88	7054.02
10820.86	5477.07	16297.93
13758.03	4423.30	18181.33
978.87	118.94	1097.81
641.79	139.93	781.72
456.13	70.32	526.45
457.72	90.13	547.85
6742.34	1630.78	8373.12
3122.93	1284.46	4,407.39
14506.55	4039.05	18545.60
653.55	38.73	692.28
21195.98	1708.95	22904.93
1683.73	211.06	1894.79
22669.33	11338.42	34007.75
10813.82	3140.07	13953.89
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